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1. The name of INCOOP (Institutul National al Cooperatiei), the Rumanian State Trading Organization was changed in the spring of 1949 to COC (Comisia de Organizare a Cooperatiei). As the name indicates, COC was a reorganization commission as well as a temporary management, and source stated that the name of this organization was to be UCC (Uniunea Cooperativelor de Consum), and source believes that UCC is the name presently in use.
2. The function of UCC is to gather farm produce and household goods from throughout Rumania and to redistribute same.
3. UCC operates storage depots and trading posts at most railroad stations throughout the country and in every village of importance. It is not at all unusual for UCC to have as many as twenty such depots in a single county.
4. All products brought to these depots during 1949 were bought and sold at prices which had been published in the Buletinul Oficial in the spring of 1949.
5. Since November 1949, UCC has ceased to transact business in money and serves purely as a trading post. Peasants bringing food items to UCC could exchange them for farm tools or other articles at rates of exchange established by the Ministry of Internal Trade. If they wanted money peasants had to bring their produce to Comcereal, an organization set up for this purpose. Peasants could also buy farm tools and housing equipment on credit, paying for them after the harvest.
6. The produce collected at the various depots was redistributed to other points according to directions from the Ministry of Internal Trade according to the requirements of the different localities.
7. An organizational chart for UCC is attached to this report. Source stated that all the State Companies were similarly organized.
8. Although the Enterprise Committee (Comitetul de Intreprindere) was said to be the governing political body, source stated that the Cadre Service (Serviciul de Cadre) appeared to have the final word as far as political questions were concerned. Furthermore, each section had one or more "responsibles", depending on the size of the section.

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9. The trade union for the enterprise submits a single list of candidates for the Enterprise Committee to the entire personnel of the organization who vote their approval.
10. The Rumanian Workers Party submits a single list of candidates for the Cadre Service (Serviciul de Cadre) to the party members of the organization who vote their approval. The actual party members of the enterprise are organized in a group called the Organizatie de Base.
11. The Board of Directors now is named the Colectivul de Directie and varies in size and function with the size of the organization. Source did not know exactly how many directors UCC had.
12. The General Manager is now called the Director Coordinator and his assistant has the title of Director Adjunct.
13. The managers of the various depots and substations throughout the nation are called Leaders (Conducatori).

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